

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 137

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 524
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 524, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING A GRANT TO THE HAWAII COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys as a grant-in-aid to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawaii for the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit and the Victim Witness Assistance Program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the County of Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Hawaii County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Maui Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Crime Victim Compensation Commission. Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit handles the most serious career criminals and that the Victim Witness Assistance Program provides direct support services to the victims and witnesses of crimes committed in Hawaii. Your Committee also finds that funding for these services has been reduced significantly in prior years. Your Committee believes that increased funding is necessary to maximize the effectiveness of both of these important programs.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation amounts to unspecified sums;
and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to
facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 524, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 524, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB524 SD1</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">PSM/JDL, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/26/15</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				✓
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	8	0	0	3
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px; text-align: center;"> </div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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